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CAPE TOWN ALSO FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PINS WA  
SUBJ: ANGLICAN BISHOP AND WIFE EXPelled FROM NAMIBIA

REF: (A) CAPE TOWN A-62 (B) CAPE TOWN A-66

1. RICHARD WOOD, ANGLICAN BISHOP SUFFRAGAN OF DAMARALAND ( DIOCESE INCLUDES ALL NAMIBIA) WAS SERVED EXPULSION ORDER JUNE 16 BY DIRECTI ON  
OF SWA ADMINISTRATOR AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF SWA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY. UNDER ORDER ISSUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH UNDESIRABLES REMOVAL PROCLAMATION (1920). BISHOP MUST LEAVE NAMIBIA BY NOON JUNE 23. WOOD  
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WIFE, WHO IS AMERICAN CITIZEN, WAS SERVED IDENTICAL ORDER AFTERNOON JUNE 17. ALSO TO BE EXPelled IS ROLF FRIEDE, DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN CENTER, WINDHOEK. NO OFFICIAL EXPLANATION YET GIVEN FOR EXPULSIONS.

2. BISHOP WOOD, BRITISH-BORN NATURALIZED SOUTH AFRICAN, HAS BEEN SUFFRAGAN FOR TWO YEARS ACTING IN PLACE OF BISHOP COLIN WINTER WHO WAS EXPelled IN 1972. WOODS POLITICAL ACTIVITIES LED TO WARNINGS IN MARCH (REF A) THAT SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT WOULD TAKE ACTION AGAINST HIM IF HE PERSISTED IN SUCH ACTIVITIES. ALONG WITH BISHOPS OF TWO OF NAMIBIAS LUTHERAN CHURCHES, HOWEVER, WOOD  
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CONTINUED SUPPORTING LEGAL INVESTIGATIONS INTO ALLEGED

IRREGULARITIES IN OWAMBO ELECTION AND INSTITUTED LEGAL ACTION  
TO PROTECT SWAPO MEMBER SAM SHIVUTE FROM THREATS BY OWAMBO  
TRIBAL POLICE (REF B).

3. IN TELCON WITH EMBOFF, BISHOP WOOD SAID HE AND FAMILY WILL  
LEAVE WINDHOEK BY WEEKEND. AFTER TALKING WITH ANGLICAN CHURCH  
OFFICIALS DURING WEEK, WOOD WILL DECIDE WHERE HE WILL GO FROM  
WINDHOEK.

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